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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.